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FM AMEMBASSY TEGUCIGALPA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6836

INFO AMEMBASSY BOGOTA

AMEMBASSY BRASILIA

AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA

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SUBJECT: BANANA DEVELOPMENTS

GUATEMALA FOR ROCAP

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1. THE HONDURAN NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF INDEPENDENT
BANANA GROWERS ANNOUNCED APRIL 15 THAT IT WAS NOT IN
CONDITION TO ACCEPT A REDUCTION IN PRODUCTION OF BANANAS
FOR EXPORT UNLESS THERE IS A COMPENSATION DERIVED FROM THE
NEW TAX THAT IS PROPOSED. THE ASSOCIATION SPOKESMAN IS
QUOTED AS SAYING IF THERE IS A FAILURE IN THE BANANA
MARKET THE GOVERNMENT WILL BE RESPONSIBLE AND IT HAS BEEN
WARNED ABOUT THE COMPLICATIONS THAT COULD FOLLOW ITS
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2. MINECON BENNATON ANNOUNCED THAT THE IMPLEMENTING LAWS FOR THE NTW TAX IN HONDURAS ARE UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE SUPERIOR COUNCIL AND THE CHIEF OF STATE. HE FIXED NO TIME EITHER FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE ISSUANCE OF THE NECESSARY DECREE OR FOR THE DATE OF APPLICATION OF THE TAX.

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3. BENNATON TOLD ECOMOFF APRIL 17 THAT THE TAX IS "EN PARO" (IN SUSPENSION). HE ADDED RESULTS OF PANAMANIAN TAX APPLIED APRIL 1 WILL BE STUDIED. HE STATED THAT JUNE 1 DATE, MENTIONED BY ECOMOFF, WAS A NEW ONE FOR HIM, THAT HE HAD NEVER HEARD THAT DATE BEFORE.

4. COMMENT: EMBASSY HAS IMPRESSION THAT A MOVEMENT TOWARD A MORE MODERATE TAX, SAY 20 CENTS PER BOX, COULD BE SUPPORTED AS FAIR ECONOMIC TEST OF EXPORT BANANA DEMAND. SANCHEZ

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